

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
AXEL PREUSSE, et al.

Serial No.: 10/747,722

Filed: DECEMBER 29, 2003

For: METHOD OF REDUCING WAFER
CONTAMINATION BY REMOVING
UNDER-METAL LAYERS AT THE
WAFER EDGE

Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: Edward Joseph Wojciechowicz

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2000.109700/DE0351

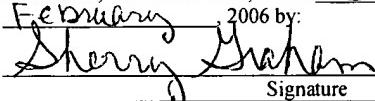
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2005
AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2006**

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Please amend the above-captioned application prior to examination.

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2005, and in response to the Advisory Office Action dated February 14, 2006 for which the shortened two-month date for response is February 28, 2006. Since this response is filed on or before February 28, 2006, this paper is timely filed.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed concurrently herewith. The Director is authorized to deduct a fee of \$790.00 from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0351 as a result of filing said RCE.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0351.¹

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

¹ In the event the monies in that account are insufficient, the Director is authorized to withdraw funds from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2000.109700.